

servicemembers and all who care for them at Landstuhl for Thanksgiving dinner. Given the spirit of that holiday, this statement—which I will frame to present to the personnel there—is a fitting tribute to the excellence they deliver every day.

Landstuhl averages over 1,000 total inpatient admissions per month, with a daily average of 20 surgical cases, and 21 admissions and discharges per day. They also bring new life into the world, with an average of three live births per day. They provide specialized care in fields ranging from cardiology to infectious disease to neurology. If it is medically possible, the professionals at Landstuhl make it happen. Our servicemembers know that they and their families will be taken care of.

Perhaps most importantly, though, Landstuhl plays a critical role in caring for our warriors wounded in combat and bringing them back home. After initial treatment in theater, critical care air transport teams bring wounded servicemembers to Landstuhl for stabilization and treatment before being transported to Andrews Air Force Base. The folks at Landstuhl see the vast majority of our wounded and injured in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and they administer the best that modern medicine has to offer.

I also praise the nonmedical services offered at Landstuhl, including liaisons for finance and personnel issues, invitational travel orders for family members and transportation from the airport, issuance of basic civilian clothing and sundry items, and AAFES vouchers and personal shoppers, among other services. This comprehensive care provides the right environment to begin the healing process.

Here, I must also thank those who embody the giving spirit of our Nation. I speak, of course, of the selfless service of the American Red Cross volunteers, Fisher House volunteers and staff, and the members of the USO who make themselves available to our servicemembers and their families 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. No need is too big or too small and no problem too difficult for this group. Their perseverance, creativity, and unyielding commitment to helping others have humbled many a hardened warrior, and we are indeed fortunate to have their support.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to think that we have such an immensely capable group of people looking after the health and well-being of servicemembers and their families. As chairman of the Armed Services Committee and as a former patient, I pay great tribute to the excellence and sacrifice of all who serve at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. They all deserve our thanks and support.

HONORING BREAK THE BARRIERS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Break the Barriers upon celebrating its 25th anniversary. The organization's anniversary will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, in Fresno, CA.

Ken and Carrie Mullen, Ice Capades performers, had two daughters, Deby and Kathy.

Deby was a phenomenal athlete, and at the age of ten began taking gymnastics at the Fresno Gymnastics Club. By the time Deby was sixteen, she had become a regional, state and national gymnastics champion. Kathy also excelled in gymnastics. Although she was born with Down Syndrome, she was able to emulate Deby and competed in the Special Olympics. Deby was beginning to look toward international competition when her gymnastics dreams were cut short by a devastating ankle injury. The injury did not stop her love for the sport. Inspired by her sister Kathy, Deby recognized her calling and began to coach adults who had different physical, neurological and mental abilities.

Deby married Steve Hergenrader, a former New York Yankees baseball player. The couple worked on Steve's grandfather's 20-acre grape vineyard and started a club called, The Tri-City Olympiads. Eventually, they created the Fresno District Special Olympics Gymnastics Program.

Deby and Steve moved away from the family vineyard and found a house that was large enough to house a dance studio inside and gymnastics equipment in the back yard, including old bed mattresses, a trampoline, balance beam, and a vaulting horse with a spring board. This new enterprise was Gymnastics by Deby.

After many years of working with people with various abilities, Deby began to recognize that the barriers that separate one person's ability from another is the lack of opportunity to do anything in common together. Through Deby and Steve's integrated sports and performing arts classes, the students found common ground. The students began learning from one another and all of the students were successful. Without any advertising, the combined classes grew to include 200 children from the age of 3 through adult. A survey conducted of local dance studios, gyms, self-defense classes and baton twirling studios determined that there were no successful programs that integrated students of various abilities. With this knowledge, student's parents helped to form a board of directors and Break the Barriers was created. The organization was officially incorporated as a nonprofit in October 1985, with the mission to "Break all barriers experienced by people with different abilities."

In 1987 the performing group, the Barrier Breakers, was established. The team is a combination of performers, each with amazing abilities, and range in age from 6 to adult. There are currently 58 performers on the team and they perform around the world. There are over 3,000 students that participate in the programs including aquatics, dance, gymnastics, martial arts and sign language. Break the Barriers also provides a buddy program, day camps and health and fitness classes. The programs are made up of students from eight different school districts.

Today at Break the Barriers Steve and Deby, along with their children Jared and Tyler, continue to be dedicated to their original purpose; to break down barriers through a common purpose.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Break the Barriers on 25 years of breaking all barriers and allowing people with different abilities to perform together. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Break the Barriers many years of continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE KOREAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICES

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Korean American Community Services and its 32nd Annual Health Fair. The Korean American Community Services has partnered with many health organizations over the past 32 years in holding its Annual Health Fair. Through the fair, the Korean American Community Services reaffirms its strong commitment to individual and family health and has become a celebration of the collective well-being of the community.

The Korean American Community Services organizes and coordinates Federal, State and community-based health services. These services aim to ensure that immigrant families who are often uninsured are able to gain access to necessary health services. In order to do this the Korean American Community Service offers referral services, case management, interpretation, outreach and public benefit workshops. Annually, more than 8,000 people benefit from these services as they continue to promote and protect health in the community.

It is my honor to recognize the Korean American Community Services and its 32nd Annual Health Fair. The Annual Health Fair is significant as it continues to recognize and uphold the importance of health in the community. I thank the Korean American Community Services for its Annual Health Fair and its continued dedication to strengthening the community.

GENERAL ARTHUR J. LICHT RE-TIRES AFTER 38 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize General Arthur J. Lichte on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force.

General Lichte grew up in Bronx, N.Y., where he graduated from Cardinal Spellman High School. In 1971, he entered the Air Force as a distinguished graduate of the ROTC program at Manhattan College. General Lichte's Air Force career includes command positions at squadron, group, and wing levels and as a command pilot; he has logged more than 5,000 flying hours in various aircraft. In addition to his command experience, General Lichte has held headquarters-level assignments at Strategic Air Command, Air Mobility Command, United States Air Forces Europe, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Transportation Command. His latest assignment as Commander of the Air Mobility Command began in September 2007.

General Lichte's journey to Air Mobility Command includes many notable achievements. As the 9th Air Refueling Commander at March Air Force Base, he led Strategic Air Command's first mission to the People's Republic of China, and as the acting Second